

FORM PTO-1390		U.S. Department of Commerce Patent and Trademark Office	Attorney's Docket No. 3409-101
<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>			U.S. Application No. (if known) <b>10/578475</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP2004/009949	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 7 September 2004	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 7 November 2003	
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR LAYING A PIPELINE			
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Massoud BAGHERNEJAD			
<p>Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>FIRST</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> This is a <b>SECOND</b> or <b>SUBSEQUENT</b> submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The US has been elected (Article 31).</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)). <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.</li> </ol> </li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).</li> </ol> <p><b>ITEMS 11. TO 20. below concern other document(s) or information included:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A preliminary amendment.</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A substitute specification.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13<del>ter</del>.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821-1.825</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).</li> </ol>			

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21. The following fees are submitted:  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic National Fee ..... \$300.00	<b>CALCULATIONS</b>  \$ 300.00	<b>PTO USE ONLY</b>
22. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examination Fee  If the written opinion prepared by ISA/US or the IPER prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)..... \$0 All other situations ..... \$200.00	\$ 200.00	
23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search Fee  If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the IPER prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) ..... \$0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Search Authority ..... \$100.00 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB ..... \$400.00 All other situations..... \$500.00	\$ 400.00	
TOTAL OF 21, 22 AND 23 =		\$ 900.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 (excluding sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium). The fee is \$250.00 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.		\$
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20- 100 =	/ 50 =	x 250
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing any of the search fee, examination fee, or the oath or declaration later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(h)).		\$
Claims	Number Filed	Number Extra
Total Claims	13 - 20 =	X \$50.00
Independent Claims	2 - 3 =	X \$200.00
Multiple dependent claim(s) (if applicable)		+ \$360.00
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =		\$ 900.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.		\$
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TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =		\$ 900.00
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property		+ \$
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**NOTE:** Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.494 or 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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